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# EAT

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# DRINK

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Brother brewers: Jason and Jim Ebel. TRIBUNE FILE

# DO

## WORDS AND SHOTS

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# TRENDING2011

**Egypt, Rebecca Black and Charlie Sheen top Twitter**

There's no doubt this year has been one filled with news events—from the trivial to the serious and dramatic, here's a look at what made Twitter's top news stories and trending topics of the year. **cnn**

## WORLD NEWS



1. Mubarak's resignation



2. Raid on Osama bin Laden



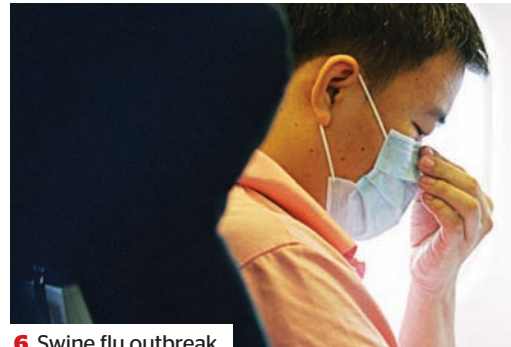
3. Japan earthquake and Fukushima nuclear disaster



4. Shooting of Gabrielle Giffords



5. Gadhafi's death



6. Swine flu outbreak

## ACTRESSES



1. Elizabeth Taylor



2. Mila Kunis



3. Anne Hathaway



4. Raven Symone



5. Natalie Portman



6. Elisabeth Sladen



7. Jennifer Lopez



8. Nina Dobrev



9. Emma Watson



10. Fernanda Vasconcellos

## ACTORS



1. Charlie Sheen



2. Macaulay Culkin



3. Ryan Dunn



4. Ricky Gervais



5. Pete Postlethwaite



6. Tracy Morgan



7. Jake Gyllenhaal



8. Ashton Kutcher



9. Colin Firth



10. James Franco



## TECH

1. Mac App Store
2. Sony NGP
3. "Guitar Hero"
4. Mozilla Firefox
5. "Duke Nukem Forever"
6. iPad
7. iPhone
8. NINTENDO 3DS
9. "Mortal Kombat"
10. iPod

## MOVIES

1. Thor
2. The Dark Knight Rises
3. X-Men: First Class
4. FAST FIVE
5. Green Hornet



## FOOD/DRINK

1. McLOBSTER
2. Fried Kool-Aid
3. Starbucks Trenta
4. Devassa Beer
5. Guinness
6. BBQ
7. Mac & Cheese

## HASHTAGS

1. #egypt
2. #tigerblood
3. #threewordstoliveby
4. #idontunderstandwhy
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# How long can we watch a disaster?



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I have a confession to make: I watch reality TV.

I promise, I'm not about to launch into a timeline of the most dramatic moments in "Teen Mom 2: Return to Glorifying Underage Parenting."

Instead, I'd like to argue for something most reality TV watchers scorn: responsibility. (I know, I kind of want to tell

myself to shut up too.)

Enduring this season of "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills," with its seedy subplots of domestic violence, drug abuse, suicide and alcoholism, has pretty much harshed my reality-show mellow. When you find yourself comparing reality show producers' morality and it's the creators of fist-pumping and juicehead gorillas who come out looking the most responsible, well, that is a serious state of affairs.

On a recent episode of "RHOBH," troubled married couple **Taylor and Russell Armstrong** allowed cameras to film a counseling session. It's been hinted at—but not confirmed on the show—that Russell (before his suicide in August) might have been abusing Taylor.

Here's the key question: When should someone have stepped in? And what should they have done?

Is there any point when a drunk-off-her-ass Taylor sobbing inconsolably to Kyle Richards becomes creepier than it is entertaining? One hopes at least producers wouldn't let her go into a dangerous situation in that vulnerable state.

On "Jersey Shore," producers get cabs to ferry castmates to and from their drunken shenanigans. Sometimes a fight breaks out, but it's rarely allowed to progress beyond a

feeble, inebriated slap. During "The Real World: Hawaii," when a cast member was caught drinking and driving on camera, she was forced to attend rehab or be kicked off the show.

In Beverly Hills, though, Kim Richards, who's been accused of being an alcoholic by no less an authority than her own sister, made it through two seasons of slurring and strange behavior unscathed. Now reports are that she's entering rehab again—the second time she's done that AFTER a taping season ended.

When does the sugary-sweet, fast-food enjoyment we get from watching these shows turn into shame at the disgusting crap we support?

It's getting real out there, folks.

The producers on these shows seem to be weighing their responsibilities to stop violence, drug abuse and drunken driving against the huge ratings some of these shows get.

According to the Washington Post, "Kourtney and Kim Take New York," the show that documented the gone-in-60-seconds marriage between Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries, drew 3.2 million viewers to the episode Dr. Drew Pinsky—promoting his own show!—said contained domestic violence between Kim and Kris. Last week, almost 2.3 million people watched "RHOBH."

The numbers are enough to make your head spin—as are the potential laws broken per episode. Between the domestic violence and the drunken driving, it feels like we're watching shows solely to see the train wreck.

We're the audience at the Forum and the gladiators are Louboutin-wearing abused wives on a cocktail of champagne and antidepressants, drunken-driving their Lexuses through the TV landscape. How long will it be until the inevitable tragedies sully the viewers too?



GETTY IMAGES

## STATUS UPDATE

Alec Baldwin was kicked off an American Airlines flight in L.A. on Tuesday, and he dealt with it as only Baldwin can: He freaked out on Twitter. Here is Baldwin's story in his own tweets from @alecbaldwin.



Flight attendant on American reamed me out 4 playing WORDS W FRIENDS while we sat

at the gate, not moving.  
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But, oddly, 30 Rock plays in flight on American. #theresalwaysunited



United Airlines should buy Words With Friends.



Now on the 3 o'clock American flight. The flight attendants already look.....smarter.



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Now, as I was kicked off this flight, the word I was playing was UNITED



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# Team Blago takes a hit

## Chicago Tribune

Large groups of supporters often greeted Rod Blagojevich during his two federal trials, offering encouragement to the former governor.

Dozens of people several rows deep filled the sidewalk on South Dearborn Street when the verdict in his second trial was announced June 27. But such crowds were replaced with just a smattering of supporters Tuesday morning, the first day of Blagojevich's sentencing hearing.

"I want to say to him, 'I love you and I appreciate what you did for us,'" said Ortencia Aspurez, 55, of Ravenswood.

As about 20 people craned their necks for the sight of a vehicle that could be the former governor's, Aspurez described Blagojevich as a humble person who was being unfairly vilified.

"He did more good things for us than bad," she said. "He fought for the kids and for the homeowners. Maybe he [made] a mistake, but everyone does."

Some said Tuesday was their first time at the courthouse as Blagojevich backers. Mother-daughter pair Laverne and Linda Marsh of Uptown, however, said they visited several times throughout both trials. Both agreed that he deserved to be punished, but not with the 15-20 years prosecutors are requesting.

"Yeah, he did wrong, but I've seen worse," said Linda Marsh, 37, who said she wanted to get Blagojevich's autograph. "They made him look like Al Capone the Second."

But to the disappointment of some, the former governor arrived Tuesday via an underground garage, away from the throngs of cameras, reporters and onlookers.

**“**I need my father. I need him there for my high school graduation. I'll need him there if I don't get into college. I'll need him when my heart gets broken.”

Amy Blagojevich, Rod's teenage daughter, in a letter to the court

# JUDGMENT DAY

## HOW LONG WILL BLAGOJEVICH BE IN PRISON? SIGNS POINT TO HEFTY SENTENCE

### Chicago Tribune

Two things were clear Tuesday by the close of the first day of Rod Blagojevich's sentencing hearing: The former governor likely was going to be hit with a stiff sentence and his legal team had abandoned its early hope of him avoiding prison altogether.

At the same time, Blagojevich's lawyers went to lengths to portray their client as an extraordinarily devoted family man at heart as well as a sensitive, caring politician who deserves leniency.

"Be merciful," Blagojevich's wife, Patti, wrote to U.S. District Judge James Zagel in excerpts from a letter read in court.

"Be merciful," Blagojevich's lawyer Aaron Goldstein also repeated as he closed a lengthy argument that for the first time acknowledged wrongdoing by Blagojevich but also sought to minimize the damage it caused.

Blagojevich has yet to speak on his own behalf. That will come Wednesday, before Zagel formally decides how long the ex-governor's punishment is to last for convictions on 18 criminal counts involving the attempted sale of a U.S. Senate seat, illegal shakedowns for campaign cash and lying to federal agents.

But Zagel made it clear that he plans to take a hard-line approach to interpreting sentencing guidelines, siding with prosecutors in their

### HOME ON THE MARKET

Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich has cut the asking price of his 13-room, Mediterranean-style house in Ravenswood Manor by \$72,000, to \$998,000. **TRIBUNE**

calculation that Blagojevich hoped to squeeze more than \$1.6 million in campaign cash from schemes on which he was convicted. Blagojevich's lawyers argued that the numbers weren't real because none of the money was paid and some of the shakedown targets testified they never had any intention of doing so.

The judge also said he did not buy defense



Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich sits with his lawyers during his sentencing hearing Tuesday at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse.

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arguments that the impeached governor was manipulated by aides and advisers into committing crimes. Zagel said he considered Blagojevich to be the ringleader of a criminal conspiracy, a designation that can lead to a significant increase in prison time under the guidelines.

Prosecutors are asking for a sentence of 15-20 years in prison for Blagojevich, and Zagel's comments suggest he could easily settle on something within that range.

"I do believe that is absurd to contend that his staff and advisers would devise criminal schemes whose only aim was to benefit the defendant," the judge said. "... He promised them nothing. He was interested in himself."

On Tuesday, Blagojevich went out of his way to avoid the limelight. He was ushered in and out of the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse through a passage not accessible to the public

and away from the media glare.

Inside court, which was held in an oversize room usually reserved for public ceremonies, Blagojevich was subdued and even looked sullen on occasion. His wife sat on a bench behind the lawyer's table, sometimes tearing up as her brother and sister consoled her.

Prosecutors on Wednesday will get their chance to explain why they think Blagojevich deserves a long prison term. While Blagojevich's lawyers disagree, they also backed off previous public statements suggesting he was a candidate for probation.

When Zagel flatly asked Goldstein if he sought probation for the former governor, the attorney avoided repeating the word and said only that the defense wanted "the lowest sentence possible."

The marquee allegation in the case was that Blagojevich tried to sell the U.S. Senate

seat held by Barack Obama before he went to the White House.

And Sheldon Sorosky, another Blagojevich lawyer, said the former governor erred when he asked for a job in return for appointing Obama friend Valerie Jarrett.

"We accept the fact that's a crime, it's illegal, he should not have done it," Sorosky said. "That crime does not call for a 15-year jail sentence."

The defense repeatedly turned to Blagojevich's family to hit the most emotional notes of the hearing's first day. The lawyers said the family would be devastated if its husband and father is taken away for a decade or more.

"Your honor, I ask you humbly with the life of my husband and the childhood of my daughters in your hands, be merciful," Patti Blagojevich wrote to Zagel in a letter from which Goldstein quoted.

The attorney also read passages to the judge from a letter Blagojevich's daughter Amy wrote recently about her father. In a message to the court prepared as part of the defense presentation, Amy said one of the few good things about her father's criminal case has been that he has been home a lot with her.

"He's been here to help me with my homework," she wrote. "He's been here to teach me life lessons."

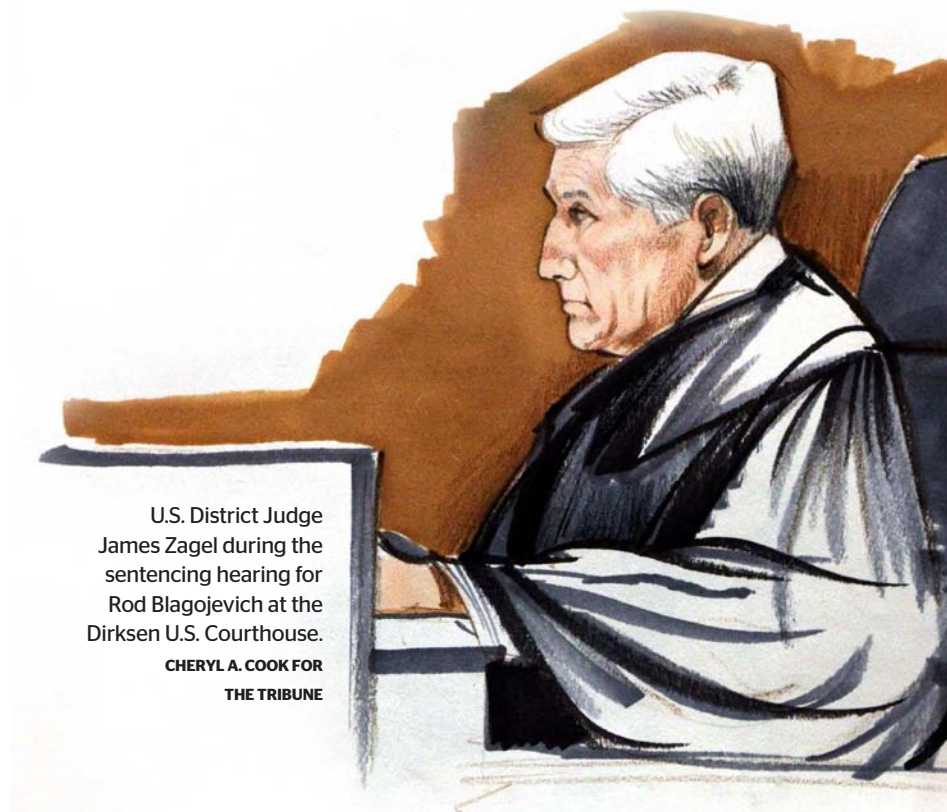
She, too, asked the court for mercy, describing how her life has been turned on its head and how a long sentence would make it worse.

"It's too drastic a change. I need my father," she wrote. "I need him there for my high school graduation. I'll need him there if I don't get into college.

"I'll need him when my heart gets broken."



Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich and his wife, Patti, leave their home for his sentencing hearing Tuesday. E. JASON WAMBSGANS/TRIBUNE



U.S. District Judge James Zagel during the sentencing hearing for Rod Blagojevich at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse.

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## Wanted: Second dog for Blagojevich family home

### Chicago Tribune

Skittles, the Blagojevich family dog, might be getting some company.

Skittles, Rod Blagojevich, his wife, Patti, and two daughters—Amy and Annie—were at the PAWS Chicago Adoption & Humane Center on Friday looking for a new pup to add to their family. The former Illinois governor is expected to be sentenced Wednesday for his federal corruption convictions.

The family spent several hours at the facility, according to PAWS Chicago.

Among some of the requirements for the family's new dog is that it doesn't aggravate Amy's allergies and that it forms an attachment with Skittles, PAWS representatives said.

"We want to make sure they get along. I mean they are not going to fall in love overnight, but they will bond over time," PAWS

Chicago founder and chairwoman Paula Fasheas said.

A tan, 8-week-old poodle mix has caught the family's interest, according to PAWS, though the family hasn't met the dog yet. The pup was found as a stray a few weeks ago, brought to the city's Animal Care & Control and has been living in foster care. The family plans to meet her Friday, according to PAWS.

PAWS representatives said the Blagojevi-

ches didn't reveal what they plan to name the new dog, but in April, Rod Blagojevich said he had offered the teenaged Amy a suggestion if he has to spend a long time behind bars:

"I said something like, 'Worst-case scenario—which I don't expect will happen—you can get another dog and call him 'Daddy.'"

"It was a joke because she was crying and I wanted to make her feel less bad and make her laugh," he continued. "And Amy laughed."





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Monday was just the eighth time since 1884 that Chicago has recorded no measurable snowfall by Dec. 5.

# Forte unsure of return date

By Tracy Swartz

REDEYE

Bears running back Matt Forte said Tuesday he's "feeling good" but not sure when he'll return to the starting lineup after injuring his right knee in Sunday's game against the Kansas City Chiefs.

"I'm able to walk around. I don't need crutches or anything like that," said Forte, who sprained his medial collateral ligament.

Forte, 25, was at the Victoria's Secret Pink store in Water Tower Place on Tuesday night with model Elsa Hosk to promote their holiday gift picks for female Bears fans. (For the record, Forte is partial to yoga pants with "Bears" written above the butt and polka dot orange boxers.)

Forte said earlier in the day he had a platelet-rich plasma injection, which involves drawing blood and spinning it to isolate plasma. The plasma is then re-inserted at the wound site to stimulate healing.

He said he's heard the timetable for healing injuries like his is two to six weeks, but he's unsure how long it will take him to bounce back.

Forte, who was drafted in 2008, and the Bears this season have been struggling with his contract.

Forte wants a five-year extension worth at least \$40 million with \$20 million guaranteed, but the Bears offered \$6 million per year with \$14 million to \$15 million guaranteed, according to the Tribune.

Forte said Tuesday there currently are no contract talks.

In the meantime, Forte said he's just waiting for the swelling in his right knee to go down.

"Really just ice and elevation," he said.

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Victoria's Secret model Elsa Hosk shares a laugh Tuesday evening with Bears running back Matt Forte at Water Tower Place. MIKE RICH/REDEYE



## DAILY QUOTABLE

It just reinforces to you that we have evil in our society."

—Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart, a close friend of Daniel Mallette (right), a priest at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Longwood Manor. Two masked men broke into the church rectory Tuesday and beat and robbed the 80-year-old priest. Mallette was treated for broken ribs and a swollen face at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn and released.



## EXPRESS LINES

- » At least three guns, including a rifle with a scope, and a bulletproof vest were found Monday night after a nearly six-hour standoff that shut down part of the Red Line in Uptown, officials said.
- » Nearly three decades after helping to revive the Taste of Chicago, the Illinois Restaurant Association will have to win a bidding contest to keep managing food and beverage concessions for the festival.
- » The Chicago Police Department's SWAT team was sent to a possible barricade situation near the University of Illinois at Chicago on Tuesday. Police were sent to the area near West 18th and South Morgan streets around 8:35 p.m.
- » Want to help pick the next city sticker? Visit [chicityclerk.com](http://chicityclerk.com) through Sunday to vote for one of 10 "Chicago's Heroes"-themed designs. TRIBUNE, REDEYE





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## FAA chief steps down after arrest

**1** Federal Aviation Administrator Randy Babbitt (above) resigned Tuesday, three days after he was arrested on a drunken driving charge near his suburban Washington, D.C., home.

In a brief statement released to the media, Babbitt said he had submitted his resignation to his boss, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, and that LaHood had accepted it.

## AT&T takes a beating

**2** AT&T remains the worst carrier in the U.S., according to an annual customer satisfaction survey compiled by Consumer Reports and released on Tuesday. Survey participants gave AT&T an overall score of 59 points out of a possible 100. Verizon (73 points) finished first, followed by Sprint (72) and T-Mobile (67).

## Dozens killed in attack

**3** A suicide attack killed dozens of Shi'ite Muslims at a crowded Kabul shrine on Tuesday—and four others died in a smaller blast in a key northern city—in the worst sectarian violence Afghanistan has seen since the fall of the Taliban. The Kabul bomb was the deadliest in the capital since 2008.

## Killer's home flattened

**4** The city of Cleveland demolished the house in which convicted serial killer Anthony Sowell hid the bodies of his victims, officials said Tuesday. A jury convicted him in July for kidnapping, abuse of corpses and the aggravated murder of 11 women. He was sentenced to death in August.

# The presidential pitch

Obama takes 'fair shot' message on the road—but skimps on details



President Obama addresses the crowd Tuesday at a high school in Osawatomie, Kan., the same town where Teddy Roosevelt laid out his "New Nationalism" plan more than 100 years ago. MCT

**5** President Obama traveled to the heart of Republican Kansas on Tuesday, where he presented Americans with a choice: a "fair shot" with him, or a return to "you're on your own economics."

Obama firmly embraced the rhetoric of income inequality, and laid out a plan to rebuild the middle class.

"This is a make or break moment for the middle class, and all those who are fighting to get into the middle class," Obama said. "At stake is whether this will be a country where working people can earn enough to raise a family, build a modest savings, own a home and secure their retirement."

But his plan was short on details.

The much ballyhooed speech was delivered in Osawatomie, the same town where Teddy Roosevelt made his case for "New Nationalism"—a plan for broad social and economic reform—more than 100 years ago.

For his speech, Obama hit on major campaign themes and evoked the language of income inequality that has become the hallmark of the Occupy Wall Street movement.

Obama used the word "fair" or "fairness" a total of 15 times in advocating for an America where everyone gets an equal opportunity.

"I'm here to reaffirm my deep conviction that we are greater together than we are on our own," Obama said. "I believe that this country succeeds when everyone gets a fair shot, when everyone does their fair share and when everyone plays by the same rules."

How does that happen?

Well, according to Obama, by following his policy prescriptions, and avoiding those of the opposition.

Republicans have, he said, refused to raise taxes on the rich. Republicans have blocked his nominee for head of the new consumer watchdog agency. And they have advocated for weak regulation and oversight.

"We simply cannot return to this brand of 'you're on your own' economics if we're serious about rebuilding the middle class in this country," Obama said.



## THE DIGIT

# 4,500

Citigroup will lay off roughly 4,500 employees over the next few months, CEO Vikram Pandit said Tuesday, as Wall Street continues to bleed jobs. Citi will book a charge of approximately \$400 million in the fourth quarter of this year due to severance payments and other expenses associated with the layoffs.



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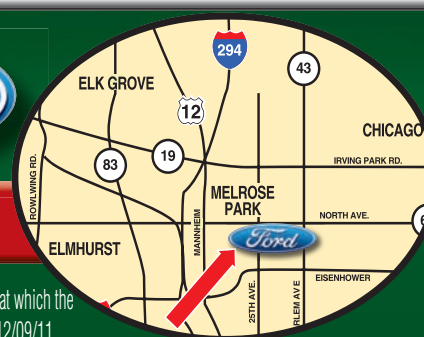
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2003 Buick LeSabre #P15853A, V6, Gray, Power Windows & Locks, CD	<b>\$5,577</b>	2009 Ford Fusion #11711A, 4 Cyl, Tan, Pwr, MP3	<b>\$12,977</b>	2010 Ford Taurus SE #XP16098, Auto, A/C, Pwr Pkg	<b>\$17,977</b>
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2003 Buick Rendezvous #47697A, Lthr, Roof, V6, Black	<b>\$6,977</b>	2010 Chevy Cobalt LT #MP15865, Silver, Auto, AC	<b>\$12,977</b>	2008 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited #476598, "X"-Auto, Both Tops, 6 Cyl, Must See	<b>\$20,977</b>
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2006 Ford Focus ZX5 #P16206, Gray, CD, Very Nice, Auto	<b>\$10,977</b>	2005 Ford Ranger S/Cab #P16245, 4x4, Edge Pkg, Blue, Remote Start	<b>\$14,977</b>	2011 Ford F-150 Super Cab #47691A, 4x4, Silver, 8K Miles	<b>\$25,977</b>
2004 BMW 325ci #11736A, Blue, Auto, Lthr, Roof, Low Miles	<b>\$10,977</b>	2007 Toyota RAV 4 #47451A, Silver, 4x4, Roof, Auto	<b>\$15,477</b>	2006 Land Rover Range Rover #P15753A, Supercharged!	<b>\$34,977</b>
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## How many Bulls wins does Whizzer see in his crystal ball?

By Whizzer

The bad news about the NBA lockout? The season's been pared to 66 games. The good news? The games are packed into such a tight schedule that you'll barely be able to catch your breath—like me after walking a few too many times around the block. Here now, my predictions for the Bulls' 2011-12 season.



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## DECEMBER

25 at L.A. Lakers — L  
26 at Golden State — W  
29 at Sacramento — W  
30 at L.A. Clippers — W

## JANUARY

1 vs. Memphis — W  
3 vs. Atlanta — W  
4 at Detroit — W  
6 at Orlando — W  
7 at Atlanta — W  
9 vs. Detroit — W  
10 at Minnesota — W  
11 vs. Washington — W  
13 at Boston — L  
14 vs. Toronto — W  
16 at Memphis — W  
17 vs. Phoenix — W  
20 at Cleveland — W  
21 vs. Charlotte — L  
23 vs. New Jersey — W  
25 vs. Indiana — W  
27 vs. Milwaukee — W  
29 at Miami — L  
30 at Washington — W

## FEBRUARY

1 at Philadelphia — W  
2 at New York — L  
4 at Milwaukee — L  
6 at New Jersey — W  
8 at New Orleans — W  
10 at Charlotte — L  
12 at Boston — L  
14 vs. Sacramento — W  
16 vs. Boston — W  
18 vs. New Jersey — W  
20 vs. Atlanta — W  
22 vs. Milwaukee — W  
28 vs. New Orleans — W  
29 at San Antonio — W

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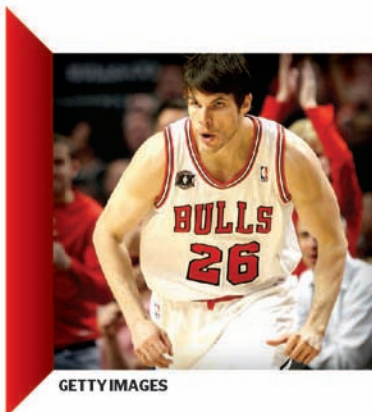
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7 at Milwaukee — L  
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14 vs. Miami — W  
16 vs. Portland — W

17 vs. Philadelphia — W  
19 at Orlando — W  
21 at Toronto — W  
24 vs. Toronto — W  
26 vs. Denver — W  
28 at Atlanta — W  
30 vs. Detroit — W

## APRIL

1 at Oklahoma City — L  
2 vs. Houston — W  
5 vs. Boston — W  
8 at New York — L  
10 vs. New York — W  
12 vs. Miami — W

15 at Detroit — W  
16 vs. Washington — W  
18 at Charlotte — W  
19 at Miami — W  
21 vs. Dallas — W  
25 at Indiana — W  
26 vs. Cleveland — W  
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## BULLS ADVENT CALENDAR

The countdown has begun, Bulls fans. Today is Dec. 7; the Bulls open their season Dec. 25, so what better way to count down than with a Christmas-style advent calendar? Today's Day 7 gift: Kyle Korver's sweet 3-point stroke, like the one he used to hit the go-ahead shot vs. Indiana in Game 1 of the playoffs in April. See the video version of our advent calendar at [redeyesportsguy.tumblr.com](http://redeyesportsguy.tumblr.com).

# Don't play it again, Bears



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I'm trying hard to find a way to feel good about Sunday's Bears-Tebows game after the recent "football game loss" to Kansas City. I couldn't help but feel a sense of déjà vu, and I realized that we had indeed been here before in the Lovie Smith era. I'm not even sure The K.C. Masterpiece

Game (note: nickname is ironic) ranks in the bottom five. Try to un-repress the memories of these stink bombs:

## The Holy Crap, I Just Watched Our QB Die On TV Game

2010 at N.Y. Giants

Remember this game? Neither does Jay Cutler after taking NINE sacks in the FIRST HALF. Six first downs TOTAL. National TV embarrassment.

## The Blutarsky Zero Point Zero Game

2006 vs. Minnesota

Rex Grossman's QB rating: 0.0 after three quarters. (He improved to 1.3.) Five turnovers by each team. Bitter cold. A 23-13 final score deceives a box score reader, because other than Devin Hester's greatness the score might as well have been Bears pineapple, Vikings cactus. No football was played that day.

## The Bears Are Who We Thought They Were Game

2006 at Arizona

The Bears won this game, but with SIX Bad Rex turnovers and a 20-0 halftime deficit to a beer-bonging Matt Leinart, they shouldn't have. Two defensive TDs and a punt return from The Greatest made this game more about which team wanted to give the win to the other. Capped off by Dennis Green's all-time great postgame meltdown. Also known as The Crown Their Ass Game.

## The Screw Cedric Benson Game

2009 at Cincinnati

The Bears' draft bust ran 37 times for 189 yards, Carson Palmer threw for five touchdowns and it was 45-3 before Chicago got a garbage-time TD.

OK, so Sunday's loss definitely is in the bottom five. But every other team in NFC wild card contention lost. So technically—and I'm fighting back a vump typing it—the Bears' playoff chances slightly improved in Week 13. Even without Cutler and Matt Forte, they can do this, right? Right?

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**1** What secret things go on during baseball's winter meetings?

Cash for 'Jol.

It's a real Bilderberg conference I hear. Oh crap, now the crazies are gonna send me emails ...

The first rule of the winter meetings is that we don't talk about the winter meetings.

Santa finalizes his GM naughty/nice list. Wonder what list Kenny Williams is on?

Lots of backroom deals and jokes at Jim Hendry's expense.

**2** If Mark Buehrle leaves the White Sox, what's your goodbye message to him?

"Thanks for making your Mark."

"Dude, I finally learned to spell your last name right! Love you, No. 56. Mean it."

"Smell ya later, South Sider."

"A World Series save, no-hitter and perfect game. Farewell, No. 56. Chicago will never be the same!"

"We'll miss your super-fast starts that made Adam Dunn-plagued games fly by in little more than 2 hours."

**3** How would Dwight Howard look in a Bulls uniform?

Depends. Will he wear a cape? And report to me?

About as good as me in a pair of Doernbecher Jordan IV's ... hint hint.

He's a Winter, so red is one of his signature power colors.

It's a bird, it's a plane. No, it's Superman!

Pretty good, but for the love of God let's not start Photoshopping him in one.

**4** Who's the next quarterback who will be rumored to be interested in the Bears?

Brett Favre. He never seems to play hard to get.

Christ, at this point I'm expecting "sources" to reveal that Chris Weinke is interested in the position.

Sooner or later, Jim Miller is going to toss his hat into the ring.

Jay Cutler's fiancée, Kristin Cavallari. We all know women really call the plays anyway.

Jay Cutler. Should happen any year now.

**5** Whom are you backing for the Heisman Trophy?

I'd back running back Montee Ball. Ha ha, Ball.

Robert Griffin III. He made BAYLOR a contender. BAY. LOR. Not even close.

Is there a guy who is the polar opposite of Tim Tebow? If so, I vote for that guy.

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# Stove toppers

They call baseball's offseason the "Hot Stove League"—perhaps because the White Sox and Cubs often make you want to stick your head in the oven. Ac-

tually, that's usually not until June. For now, there actually is buzz surrounding Chicago's teams. Here are the hottest stories from Tuesday.



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## Lukewarm

There appears to be no end in sight to the spending spree of Ozzie Guillen's new team. According to ESPN, the Miami Marlins have offered superstar first baseman **Albert Pujols** a 10-year contract. The team already has signed closer Heath Bell and shortstop Jose Reyes. The Cubs might want to give Prince Fielder a call ...

## Hot

The White Sox traded closer Sergio Santos to Toronto on Tuesday for 22-year-old right-handed pitcher Nestor Molina. "It is the start of a rebuilding" Sox general manager **Ken Williams** told reporters. "And you guys know I have not used that word in 12 years." Will fan favorite Mark Buehrle, a free agent, be the next to leave town?



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## Scorching

New Cubs president of baseball operations **Theo Epstein** has paid \$3.25 million for a 7,800-square-foot house in Lakeview, just blocks from Wrigley Field. The house includes five full baths, four fireplaces, a master suite with a foyer and two large dressing rooms, as well as a four-car attached garage. The only question now is: Which Starbucks will he visit most often?



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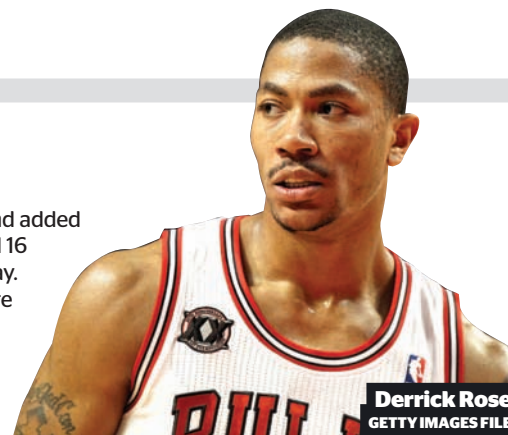
## 2011-12 VIRTUAL BULLS SEASON

### Bulls 97, Dallas 76

Derrick Rose led all scorers with 25 points and added a season-high two blocks. C.J. Watson added 16 points off the bench in only 14 minutes of play.

**Stat of the game:** The Bulls grabbed 20 more rebounds than the Mavericks (48-28).

**Record:** 12-5




**Derrick Rose**  
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## Rabid Rabbit

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# Scary humor

Believe it or not, doom metal band Rabid Rabbit does have something in common with 'Total Eclipse of the Heart'

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### Rabid Rabbit

Interviewed: Andrea Jablonski, 39, Garfield Park

This inventive local quartet's music incorporates elements of titanium-heavy doom metal, exploratory jazz and swirling psychedelic rock.

The band, led by husband-wife team Mike Tsoulos (drums) and Andrea Jablonski (bass/vocals), has performed with the likes of Melt Banana, Thrones and Wolf Eyes, and recently released its second

album, the massive, midnight black "Czarny Sen" (BloodLust! Records).

**The first time I listened to the song "Eclipse" I wasn't sure if you were reciting from the Necronomicon or just reading your grocery list in a foreign language.**

[Laughs.] It's an old Polish lullaby, actually.

**You could be singing about sunshine and puppy dogs and it would still sound terrifying.** It would be terrifying to everyone except to the very large Polish community in Chicago. They call me out on it. There's always one or two in the audience that are like, "Yeah, I remember that!" It's an old Polish nursery rhyme about a little kid sitting in front of a fire at the end of the night. There's one little tiny cinder that's sparkling and he imagines it telling him a story. Then [the cinder] goes out and he never hears the end of the story. It's typical Polish dark humor. It's so not terrifying, but I'm glad it's coming across that way to everyone else.

**I'm disappointed it's not secretly about "Twilight: Eclipse."**

[Laughs.] No it's not, because I don't want to lose my fans. But the main chorus of "Eclipse," if you really must know, has the same chords as [Bonnie Tyler's] "Total Eclipse of the Heart"... just slower and doomier. We have a sense of humor somewhere in the

band, but don't tell anyone. I'll lose all my street cred!

**I'm guessing you were familiar with the history behind "Gloomy Sunday" (originally penned in 1933, the mournful number has been called the Hungarian suicide song) when you incorporated it into your song "Suicide."**

Absolutely. That song was part of an audio grant we received from Experimental Sound Studios, which is a really awesome studio in Chicago that tends to do a lot of insane and amazing recordings. We received a grant to rework ["Gloomy Sunday"] with some of the better-known jazz musicians in Chicago. We got to work with people like Dave Rempis and Bruce Lamont, which was kind of nice.

**Did you ever consider taking the song in a completely different direction by incorporating "Don't Worry Be Happy" into it instead?**

[Laughs.] Wow. No. We've used "Total Eclipse of the Heart," dude. That's enough.

**Another song on the new album, "Goliad," is based on an 1836 Texas massacre. What attracts you to these darker elements?**

I know, we're horrible. We just love death and

suicide. [Laughs.] But we're a happy band, really.

**So do you have a stash of animated Disney DVDs stowed away under your bed or something?**

No, but I'm pretty lighthearted. Everybody [in the band] is. We're just not into writing songs about girls and cars, which is fine, too. I love those songs. But we've had luck writing on serious subjects—even though we don't take ourselves that seriously.

**Is it a challenge being in a band with your husband?**

No. This isn't the first project I've had with someone I've been involved with; I'm sure it's not the first for many people. And there are four of us, so there are two referees in there somewhere.

**Does the music give you an outlet for that aggression when you do fight?**

Nope. It's totally separate. Like, we don't make out in the van or anything. [Laughs.] We try to keep it very professional because I think it's better that way. We don't bring our fights into the practice space. That is one place where all four of us leave the world behind.

**Considering how dark the music can be, I'm curious: What things actually do scare you?**

Whoa. I don't know. What am I afraid of? The unknown? I'm afraid of my band killing me after this [interview]. I guess I haven't really thought about it. Tidal waves, maybe? I keep having reoccurring dreams about tidal waves. Maybe I'll have to write a song about that next.



## PERSONALITY TEST

ANDREA JABLONSKI, 39, GARFIELD PARK



**What's the last album you bought?**

The last PJ Harvey record ("Let England Shake"). I haven't been with PJ Harvey for years, since I thought she sort of lost her edge. But I liked a few of the songs and my bad breakup with her has ended.

**Song you've been listening to on repeat?**

This is going to be really weird, but I was watching "Breaking Bad," which is great, and the music producer incorporated a lot of these Narcocorridos [Mexican drug ballads], so I've been listening to this weird, awesome mix of them.

**Best concert you've seen this year?**

It's going to stretch it to more like a year-and-a-half, but I saw Sunn O))) and Earth and Pelican at the Brooklyn Masonic and that concert will stay with me for a really long time.





New band you don't know personally that deserves to be big?  
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## CD REVIEWS



**Black Keys**  
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**El Camino**  
The Black Keys



**By Jessica Galliard**

REDEYE

"You mean the new album from the not-weird-enough version of The White Stripes?"

Look, I'm not a Black Keys disciple. They're one of those indie groups making beautiful things happen from not much at all, but

they're also one of those groups that doesn't taste quite right without a bottle of whiskey.

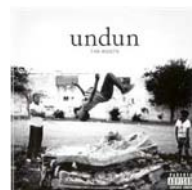
Whether or not you agree that the Black Keys are better appreciated after a few rounds at a bluesy bar, you'd be hard-pressed to argue that "El Camino" isn't a big contender for best rock album of 2011. Way to squeak in under the deadline, guys.

A little bit country-Americana, a little more soul and a lot of liver-shaking rock 'n' roll, the seventh album from the guitar-and-drums duo digs deep with rumbling, roots-heavy headbangers like opener "Lonely Boy."

It then moves swiftly along to hip-shaking rhythms like those in the almost-but-not-quite-pop-worthy "Run Right Back." Friend just got dumped? I dare you not to put on "Sister" and stumble along while getting drunk together on a back porch.

The album's up-tempo bangers are at the top of their game, sure. But Dan Auerbach's hauntingly sexy vocals paired with a hushed acoustic guitar on "Little Black Submarines" are heart-wrenching—as are its lyrics, "I should have seen it glow, but everybody knows that a broken heart is blind"—before finally pushing "El Camino" over that cliff it was hovering on with a freaky foot-stomping breakdown.

What can I appreciate about the Black Keys? Auerbach and drummer/producer Patrick Carney have heart, and they have guts. And they have laid out both on the bar top with this carefully orchestrated work of slighted loves, fatal attractions and general Midwestern angst. It doesn't get much more indie-cowboy than "El Camino," and that's not nearly a bad thing.



**Undun**  
The Roots



Let's get the semantics out of the way. This album is not a "rap" album. It is not for anyone whose only knowledge of the Roots is through its new "day job" as house band for "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon." The Philadelphia crew's 10th studio album is a stone-cold concept record that I had to listen to three times to catch everything. Working backward to tell the story of a hustler named "Redford" (a Sufjan Stevens reference, BTW), Roots members find themselves in "throw stuff at the wall and see what sticks" experiment mode. You won't find stand-alone tracks or "singles." (Translation: You'll need to play the record all the way through.) You will find heavy orchestral numbers, top-notch guest work from names like Big K.R.I.T. and Phonte, and an ending (beginning?) that will leave you wanting more. Which I believe is the whole point, isn't it? **ERNEST WILKINS, REDEYE**



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# PUNK RAP

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T-Pain tapped a sci-fi sub genre as inspiration for his fourth studio album, "rEVOLVeR," which dropped Tuesday.

"Steam punk," the rapper said during a recent interview. "It's a movement that's been happening for a long time and it's got a following that's been crazy. A lot of people don't know about it. It's like the modern world meets the 1800s."

A big collaborator on other artists' albums, T-Pain brought in numerous musicians on "rEVOLVeR," including Pitbull, Lil Wayne, Ne-Yo and Chris Brown. Lily Allen and Wiz Khalifa are featured on his hit single "5 O'clock."

The rapper, 26, talked about the new album, his family and building the T-Pain brand.

### Any songs on the album hold special meaning for you?

There's a song called "Drowning Again." It's basically about the problems I've had with my wife, going through all the stuff we went through and how we bounced back. It's like falling in love a second time.

### How do you decide when you want to use your auto-tune pitch corrector on songs? "Drowning Again," for example, doesn't use it.

It's basically just the feeling of the song. It's a fun effect, but if you're trying to do a heartfelt song, you don't want to use a fun effect on it.

### You've worked with so many artists. Who is your dream collaborator?

Andre 3000 is a dream of mine.

### Why hasn't that happened?

Well, right when I got into music, when I came up and got enough rank to work with him, he kind of stopped doing music. [Laughs.] Terrible timing I guess.

### Last year you appeared in the movie "Lottery Ticket" starring Bow Wow. Any plans for more acting?

Not really. I'm a terrible actor. ... It was just a favor for Bow Wow.

T-Pain  
MARINA MAKROPOULOS  
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### You also have a T-Pain microphone that uses a voice modification technique. Are you conscious of building a brand?

Of course. Nowadays everybody's trying to do something to make their brand bigger, whether it be a clothing line or a fragrance. You gotta find different ways [to stand out] in a business that's really overflowing with musicians.

### On stage you wear big hats, bold sunglasses and a grill on your teeth. What's the real T-Pain style?

T-shirt and pajama pants. That's what it is.

That's what I have on right now. That's what I wear every day.

### You have three young children with your wife Amber. Any of them display musical ability?

My son [6-year-old Muziq] I think, but all of them get in front of a mirror with a hairbrush and go to town.

### Do they ever come to your shows?

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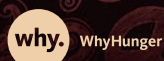
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# CD REVIEW



Lioness: Hidden Treasures

Amy Winehouse

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“Like smoke, I stick around,” Winehouse rasps on a tune of the same name on her first posthumous release since her death in July at age 27.

As a pop culture figure, Winehouse will stick around in people’s imaginations for some time. She was a formidable talent and left a huge impression. Only two “new” songs turn up on “Lioness: Hidden Treasures”: “Like Smoke,” for which rapper Nas does the majority of the vocalizing, and “Between the Cheats.”

The two songs, however, are strong melodically and cling to the brilliant updating of vintage ’60s girl group pop Winehouse offered on “Back to Black.” Producers Salaam Remi and Mark Ronson keep the sound intact and expand upon it on tracks like “Our Day Will Come,” a reggae-spiced spin on the oft-covered 1963 Ruby & the Romantics ballad hit. Winehouse is even better on a lucid reading of the enduring Goffin-King oldie,




Winehouse

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“Will You Love Me Tomorrow.” A frisky “The Girl From Ipanema” also comes across as inspired. On her 2009 performance of Leon Russell’s “A Song for You” her voice is raw and on the edge of destruction as the production swells around her and engulfs her.

Though not a classic album, as posthumous releases go, “Lioness” never feels like the crass money-grabs Michael Jackson’s two recent post-death albums (“Michael,” “Immortal”) are. “Lioness” is eminently listenable, engaging, sad and a suitable accompaniment to her unfortunately small body of work. **HOWARD COHEN, MIAMI HERALD**

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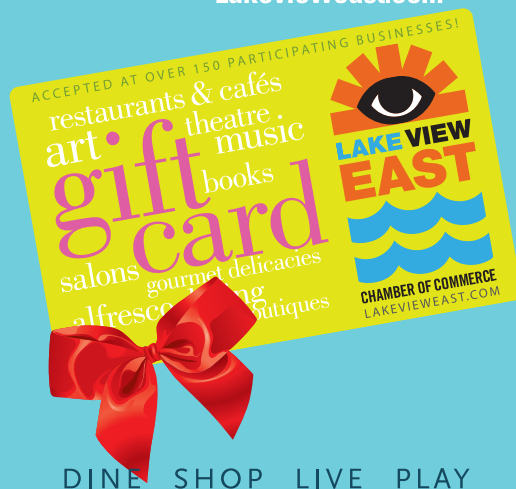
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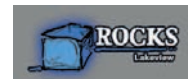
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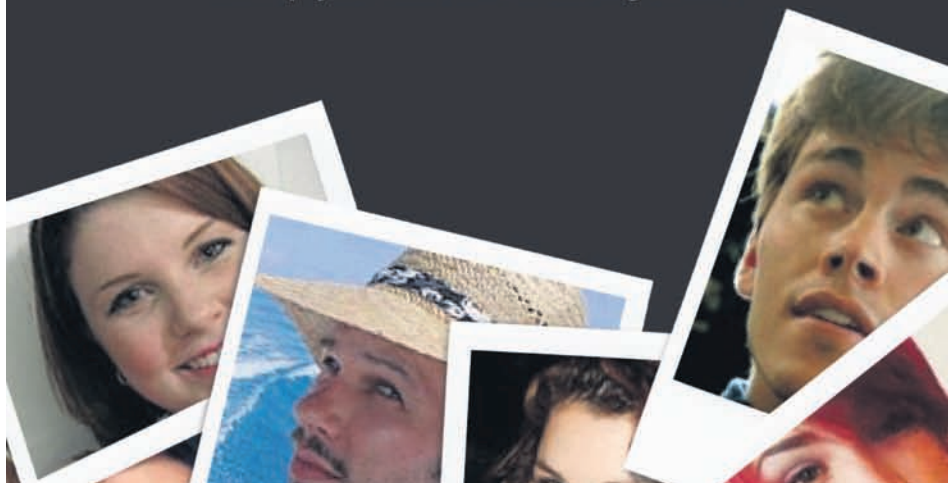
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# Christians outraged by Depp Jesus song

## The Wrap

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The "Pirates of the Caribbean" star has enraged at least two religious organizations by contributing vocals to the song "Jesus Stag Night Club" by the British band Babybird.

The song, which recasts Jesus Christ as a booze-chugging party animal who revels in driving stolen cars and facilitating bachelor parties, begins with the lyrics, "Saw a man in a bar with his hair like a lady/ Bloody thorns round his ear like he was a crazy/ He had holes in his hands and a cross for a spine/ Crushed a berry in his Perrier and called it wine."

Christian Coalition spokesman Lee Douglas told British newspaper the Daily Star that the song is "blasphemy," adding that Depp is "simply a disgrace" for taking part in the song.

"One day, Johnny Depp and his cronies will face the judgment of our Lord and they will burn in hell for this filth," Douglas predicted.

The Focus on the Family organization was similarly condemnatory, telling the paper,



**Depp**  
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"We are sickened by Mr. Depp's behavior. Why did he need to record this song?"

The song, according to Focus on the Family, is "a slap in the face to Christians all over the world."

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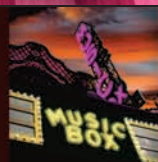
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## books

# Bad sex, not fiction

## Bloomberg News

David Guterson won Britain's "most dreaded literary prize," the Bad Sex in Fiction Award, for a torrid romp between a mother and her son in "Ed King," a recasting of the Oedipus myth.

Presented during a ceremony Monday in London, the prize was granted for a 12-hour sequence of what Guterson calls "gyrations and five-sense choreographies"—ending with a morning shower during which she "abused him with a bar of soap."

"Oedipus practically invented bad sex, so I'm not in the least bit surprised," Guterson said in a statement distributed by Britain's Literary Review, which organized the contest. The author, who lives in the U.S., was unable to attend.

Previously won by Tom Wolfe, Norman Mailer and Jonathan Littell, the Bad Sex in Fiction contest seeks to shame the author of the year's "most embarrassing passages of sexual description in a literary novel." Inaugurated in 1993 by the late Literary Review editor Auberon Waugh, the prize has instead encouraged authors to spice up sex scenes to boost sales.

"Without wanting to sound priggish, this prize has spectacularly backfired," Waugh's son, author Alexander Waugh, told the gathering. The prize could have been won by a "disappointingly large number of books" this year, he said.

Guterson, who made his name with "Snow Falling on Cedars," narrowly defeated competition from Haruki Murakami's "1Q84," Chris Adrian's "The Great Night" and Lee Child's "The Affair," the judges said.

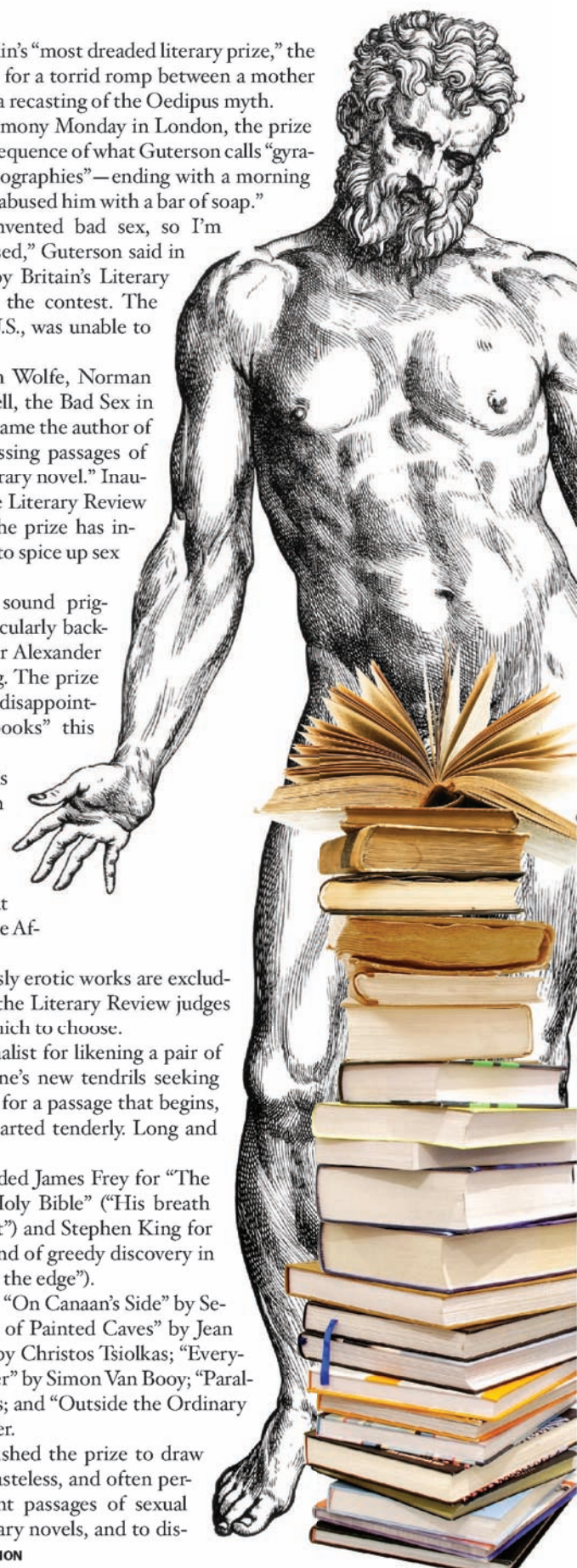
Pornographic or expressly erotic works are excluded from the contest. Yet the Literary Review judges always find plenty from which to choose.

Murakami became a finalist for likening a pair of upturned nipples to "a vine's new tendrils seeking sunlight." Child was cited for a passage that begins, "Then it was time. We started tenderly. Long and slow, long and slow."

The shortlist also included James Frey for "The Final Testament of the Holy Bible" ("His breath felt hot and smelled sweet") and Stephen King for "11/22/63" ("It was the sound of greedy discovery in her voice that put me over the edge").

The other finalists were "On Canaan's Side" by Sebastian Barry; "The Land of Painted Caves" by Jean M. Auel; "Dead Europe" by Christos Tsiolkas; "Everything Beautiful Began After" by Simon Van Booy; "Parallel Stories" by Peter Nadas; and "Outside the Ordinary World" by Dori Ostermiller.

Auberon Waugh established the prize to draw attention to the "crude, tasteless, and often perfunctory use of redundant passages of sexual description in contemporary novels, and to discourage it." **REDEYE ILLUSTRATION**







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# Ditch the cozy wrap

## Los Angeles Times

You see it all the time. Women dressed up, swaddling their expensive cocktail frocks in pastel pashmina wraps that are just all wrong. A wrap breaks up the lines of a structured dress, and it isn't really warm enough for the chilly evenings of fall and winter. The look and silhouette come off as dated.

A pashmina is more passable with a long, flowing, boho-chic kind of dress when attending an island wedding or as a layer over a light dress as the sun is setting at the beach. When wearing a cocktail dress, especially in these colder months leading up to the holidays, go for structured, sexy and classic.

Kate Moss wore a tailored black tux jacket with three-quarter-length sleeves over her strapless black velvet dress when she arrived at a recent event (via helicopter). Chances are it was a chilly ride in the chopper and she needed something to keep her warm until she hit the red carpet. The combo looked chic and unfussy. This formula is a no-fail way to add a practical and stylish layer to an evening ensemble.

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# Now you see it—and you can buy it, too

## Reuters

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Unlike TV shopping channels, Watch with eBay is a new feature in eBay's iPad app that lets users buy items related to the program they're viewing.

"The idea is to provide a new form of TV watching entertainment that includes the possibility of shopping and discovering interesting products people never would have discovered otherwise," said Steve Yankovich, vice president of mobile at eBay.

After entering the network provider and channel, items related to the TV show, the actors, guests or teams in a sporting event surface within the app.

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## Sun Sentinel

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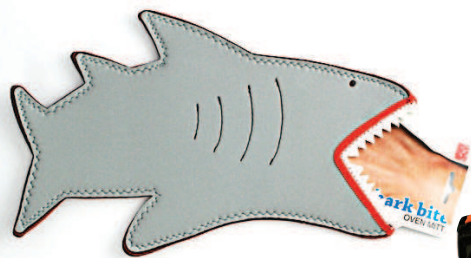
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# Out-there gift options

By Ryan Smith | FOR REDEYE

It's not that socks, ties or a cheese-and-wine basket are horrible gifts, but they're kind of boring. Why not shake things up and give your friend or family member something off-the-wall that they actually will remember five minutes after they've opened it? We've compiled this list of funny gift ideas. **RYAN SMITH IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR**



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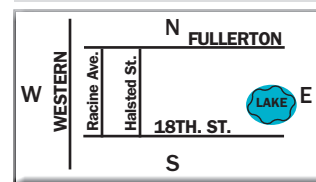


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- 1 Lawn border  
6 Grand \_\_; bridge coup  
10 Upper area in a barn  
14 Poem stanza  
15 Lima's nation  
16 Finished  
17 Gives off, as rays  
18 Sowing one's wild \_\_  
19 "The \_\_ Ranger"  
20 Turning motion  
22 Unite two wires  
24 Fish \_\_; aquarium  
25 Ridiculed  
26 Spain's dollar before the euro  
29 Flower from Holland  
30 "Much \_\_ About Nothing"  
31 Follow  
33 Trenches around castles  
37 Actress Bonet  
39 Our planet  
41 Entreaty  
42 Short & stocky  
44 Tiny map in a larger map  
46 Choke  
47 Football team's attempts  
49 Recapture  
51 \_\_ for Humanity; home-building group  
54 Flying insect  
55 Gives a speech  
56 Mosque towers  
60 Metric weight  
61 Head covering  
63 Cheesy tortilla chip  
64 Drug addict  
65 Miscalculates  
66 Theater guide  
67 Disarray  
68 Fender blemish  
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- 1 At any time  
2 Aspiring singer's tape  
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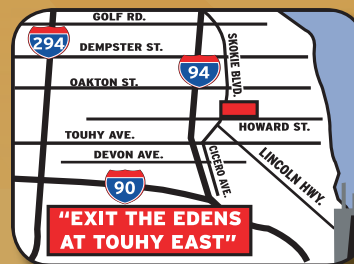
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## Feel the wrath

This girl is buzzing: How to get your 'Dragon Tattoo' fix early

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Chicago might have just started getting a few flakes of snow, but there's a regular blizzard of buzz surrounding David Fincher's adaptation of "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo." The flick isn't out until Dec. 21, but fans of the series are eagerly chomping up every morsel of information about Rooney Mara's goth-tacular turn as Lisbeth Salander and Daniel Craig looking splendidly brooding as journalist Mikael Blomkvist. Here's a roundup of "Tattoo" goodies to keep you satiated—for now. [DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM](mailto:DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM) | [@REDEYEDANA](https://twitter.com/REDEYEDANA)



### Mega-size trailer

First there was the frantic "leaked" trailer (which so was leaked by the studio). Then there was a more standard Hollywood sneak peek. And on Friday, an epic, 8-minute extended version was released online. Movie buffs who haven't read the books might want to avoid this one though, since it's pretty much a giant spoiler of the entire plot.



### Even more mega-sized soundtrack

The final cut of the "Dragon Tattoo" movie runs 2 hours, 38 minutes. So it would make sense that the soundtrack clocks in at a solid 3 hours, right? It does when the composer is Trent Reznor, who also did the tunes for "The Social Network." The full 39 tracks took the Nine Inch Nails rocker and partner Atticus Ross 14 months to compose, and will be released digitally Friday.



### Real-life mystery

Hard-core fans already know parts of author Stieg Larsson's series are based in fact, but they may not have seen the video proof. Entertainment Weekly unearthed an old-school episode of newsmagazine "Hard Copy" supposedly dedicated to the disappearance at the center of "Dragon Tattoo's" plot. Watch it for the awesome re-enactments—and hilarious Sunny Delight ads.



### Look like Lisbeth

There is literally no way the anti-society Lisbeth would buy these threads, but that doesn't mean you can't. H&M is releasing a 27-item collection in stores Dec. 14 featuring clothes and accessories inspired by the character, including a ripped T-shirt that looks like it's been clawed by a heroin junkie. Which really is a great look for your office holiday party.

### Be a Blomkvist man

Not to be outdone by the leading lady, the film's costume designer, Trish Summerville, wants to work up a line of menswear based on Mikael's movie garb, saying, "He has a chic but natural look, a casual elegance." Unfortunately for the gentlemen, there's no guarantee these jeans will make your butt look anywhere near as good as Daniel Craig's.



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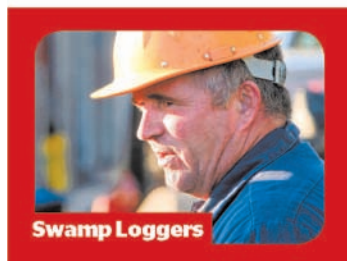
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# IT'S ALL POLITICS

Democrats love TV snark regardless of where it's found. Republicans love the History Channel. A new survey prepared exclusively for **ew.com** identifies some of the top shows that Democrats and Republicans tune in to—and there's not a lot of overlap.

### Ice cold revenge

In a bit of casting that sounds perfectly awesome, Ice Cube is slated to play veteran a paramedic who decides to take violence problems into his own hands in "Eye for an Eye," a drama under development for FX. Cube is a co-producer for the show, which does not yet have a premiere date, according to **billboard.com**.



**Jenni "JWoww" Farley**, on being on the cover of Maxim, according to **usmagazine.com**. The new season of "Jersey Shore" premieres Jan. 5.

"I cried when I found out. ... This is probably my highest accomplishment."



### Too little, too lame

If you haven't gotten enough of the fairy-tale-to-horror-story wedding of Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries, good news! Kim's "limited edition" wedding fragrance is on sale now, according to the New York Post. There are top notes of failed matrimony and a lingering scent of money-grubbing.

### Someone like Adele

Adele will NOT drink North American beer, thank you very much. The British singer will, however, take some European lager, a pack of Marlboro Lights and an assortment of chewing gum, according to a tour rider published by **thesmokinggun.com**. Adele also would like honey (not organic), wine (also not North American) and fruit (not citrus). Well, what are you waiting for?!



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